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Employment of Private Counsel for Former and Current Government Employees

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7 May 1976

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Room 7D-01

John:

The attached letter to the Director from Pommerening, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, raises a new issue, but perhaps a new opportunity. The issue is that the Department now states that they look to us to pay for the services for "special counsel" that have previously been authorized for our employees. That is the new fact. The new opportunity is to see again if we can do justice to

by obtaining retro-active approval and by guaranteeing we will pay the funds. As you know, I have had considerable discussion and correspondence with your Office on this matter. May I have your position?

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Att: DDA 76-2241, Ltr to DCI from Pommerening, Asst. Attorney Gen.,  
dtd 27 April 1976; Same Subject /s/ John F. Blake

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Mr. George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Employment of Private Counsel for Former  
and Current Government Employees

During the recent Congressional hearings pertaining to alleged domestic intelligence activities, certain present and former employees of your organization were called to testify in regard to their possible involvement in these activities. The Attorney General determined that it would be in the best interest of the Government to provide private attorney representation to these present and former employees rather than representation by attorneys of the Department of Justice. This alternative was selected to avoid a possible conflict of interest arising because the aforementioned employees could not be assured at the time of their appearances at the hearings that they would not become the subjects of criminal investigation and prosecution.

Accordingly, based on the Attorney General's determination, private attorney representation was provided to the individuals involved. The costs involved, while being paid by the Department of Justice as the contracting agency, are properly chargeable to your organization. Therefore, we are enclosing a reimbursement agreement which reflects the costs incurred to date for representation provided during the Congressional hearings.

One copy of the agreement should be signed and returned to Mr. Philip B. Stiness, Jr., Chief, Management and Budget Section, Operations Support Staff, Office of Management and Finance, Room 6137, Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at 739-3101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen E. Pommerening". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Glen E. Pommerening  
Assistant Attorney General  
for Administration

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